

BLUE LAKE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MINUTES

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 4:30
Skinner Store – 111 Greenwood Road

Unless Otherwise Noted, All items on the Agenda are subject to Action.

1. Establish a Quorum of the Commission at 4:35 pm.

Commissioners Present: Roxanne Rothery, Cindy Trobitz-Thomas, Darcey Lima and Kelli Costa

Commissioners Absent: Jake Hussin

Staff Present: City Manager Mandy Mager and Parks and Recreation Director Emily Wood,

Others Present: Councilmember Elizabeth Mackay, Andrew Jones, Kent Sawatzky and Justin Noyb

2. Motion to Approve Agenda with Tabling June, August and September Minutes and rearrange Agenda by combining Item 6 with Item 8.

Motion: Costa

Second: Lima

3. Public Input.

Jones, representing the Blue Lake Education Foundation, informed the Commission about the upcoming Humboldt Hoptoberfest, September 30th at Perigot Park. A fundraiser for the Foundation is family friendly with music and local food and beer vendors. Gates open at 12:30, pours begin at 1:00.

Sawatzky addressed the Commission. Public Safety concerns (RVs on Taylor Way) and the need for two water tanks and placement for City water storage.

4. Approve Minutes from Previous Meetings. Tabled to October Commission meeting.

5. Sunday Market Review Parks and Recreation Director Wood provided the following update: North Coast Growers partnered with the City of Blue Lake for this years Sunday Market. It was much smaller than last year. Met with local businesses to solicit input on how to make it better. A survey will be distributed to locals to gather comments and suggestions.

6. Powers Creek District Development Update Discussion Combined with Agenda Item 8.

7. Chamber of Commerce Report Chamber Vice President Wood provided the following update:

- The September Chamber Mixer is scheduled to be held in Camp Bauer hosted by Green Diamond. All the local Chambers have been invited.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky approves of the direction the Chamber is going. Suggest moving future mixers to Perigot Park.

8. City Manager and Staff Report Parks and Recreation Director Wood provided the following update:

- a. Parks and Recreation Update ~ Parks and Recreation Director Wood provided the following update: Prash Hall upgrade project continues and is almost complete. There are lots of events coming up (Logger Bar Block Party on Oct 21st, BYC Fest October 14, Hoptoberfest September 30th, etc.). Wood bat baseball begins September 23rd. Will be adding new signage advising of overnight parking restrictions, etc.

Public Comment:

Jones is very supportive of the Prash Hall upgrade and would like more live music.

Sawatzky commented on the commented on the Medieval Festival of Courage advertising with an angry black bear for not being invited.

- b. Town Square Update ~ Low bidder was Sequoia Construction. The bid was higher than originally estimated. Working with Sequoia Construction to modify certain aspects of the project and look for additional funding to complete the project.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky has concerns on the bid package.

Powers Creek District Development Update Discussion Combined with Agenda Item 8.

- a. RV Park and Campground Update ~ The Development packet will be going to the next Council meeting. Once approved, it will be sent out to the market. Blue Lake Power is currently moving items out of the site. Exploring solar energy production opportunities.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky commented on the proposed solar project on Hatchery Road. He thinks it will not happen and encourages the City to get involved if it begins to move forward.

- a. Baduwa't Community Project Update and Site Review ~ Moving forward. HCD is reviewing the Housing Element.
- b. Northern Side of Taylor Way Masterplan and Parcel Subdivision ~ Planning to use remaining EDA funding to complete work. Waiting for EDA authorization to approve the use. The funds would be used to finish a master plan with Storyland looking at the remaining parcels and complete the subdivision.
- c. Taylor Way Masterplan and Road Improvements ~ Hired Dan Burden to look at walkability and functionality on Taylor Way. The Enduro was very well attended. If campground was available, it would have been filled.

Public Comment:

Sawatzky commented that The Storyland Feasibility Study on the City's website so he can share with potential investors.

9. Announcements

- Next Regular Meeting is October 10th (2nd Tuesday 4:30 PM Skinner Store).
- Bingo on Saturday, September 16th hosted by Blue Lake Museum and the Wha-Nika Club.

11. Future Agenda Items

- Chamber of Commerce Report
- Event Calendar
- City Manager and Staff Report, Project List Updates and Discussion

12. Motion to Adjourn at 6:11 PM

Motion: Lima

Second: Costa